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To: Jane Henney, FDA Commissioner
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Subject: Petition for testing and mandatory labeling for genetically engineered

RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney,

Don't I have the right to know the ingredients in my foods?
especially a new technology, absent of long-term testing, which has
unexpectedly resulted in dangerous toxins in Brazil Nuts, unexpected deaths of
Monarch butterflies, and hastened approval in the face of potential risks?

I DESERVE TO BE ABLE TO CHOOSE WHAT I EAT- that is a common right that I
demand to be given back to me.

On March 21, 2000, Greenpeace and a
coalition of over 50 family farm, consumer
and environmental groups joined the Center
for Food Safety in a petition to the FDA
demanding the development of a thorough
pre-market and environmental testing
regime for genetically engineered foods
and mandatory labeling of such foods. I
am writing for submission to the official
rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) in
support of that action.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the FDA to
require the labeling and pre-market safety
testing of genetically engineered foods.
We have an absolute right to know what is
in the food that we are purchasing, as
well as how it was produced. Scientists
and doctors have warned that these crops
may have unexpected side-effects in the
diet and the environment, and there is no
evidence that these foods are safe in the
long-run.

Please take action to ensure that our
health and environment are not put at
risk.

Sincerely,

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